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SUBJECT: MURDER OF ROC NATIONAL IN LOS ANGELES

REF: A. TAIPEI 6320; B. TAIPEI 6338

1. LOS ANGELES POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED MURDER VICTIM AS "ROAN BAO-SHAN," BORN DEC. 27, 1945 AT UNKNOWN LOCATION. ABOVE SPELLING BELIEVED USED WHEN VICTIM ENTERED US. ROAN WAS ENGINEERING STUDENT AT USC (NOT UCLA), AND POLICE BELIEVE MAY HAVE BEEN CAPTAIN IN ROC NAVY. (GIVEN AGE, WE SUSPECT INFORMATION THAT HE WAS ARMY CAPTAIN MORE LIKELY.) POLICE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE ROAN MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF "WAH CHING" ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS CHINESE YOUTH GANG IN LOS ANGELES AREA. (WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION AND WILL PASS

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IT ALONG TO EMBASSY AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.)

2. LOS ANGELES POLICE HAVE INDICATED THEY HAVE NO EVIDENCE THUS FAR THAT POLITICAL MOTIVATIONS INVOLVED IN CASE. THEY ARE TREATING IT AS ROUTINE, UNPREMEDITATED HOMICIDE, ARISING FROM MELEE AT DOUBLE TEN BALL. POLICE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT ROAN ENGAGED IN ANY POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OR THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN GROC WATCHDOG AMONG ROC STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, NO EVIDENCE UNCOVERED WHICH LINKS CASE IN ANY WAY TO PRC AND WE

CANNOT CONCEIVE OF PRC UNDERTAKING SUCH ACTIVITY IN US. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE EMBASSY AS FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED.

3. IN VIEW OF LOCAL PRESS EFFORT TO EXPLOIT INCIDENT TO DISCREDIT US CHINA POLICY, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO MAKE LOW KEY REPRESENTATION TO FRED CHIEN INFORMING HIM OF OUR FINDINGS TO DATE AND EXPRESSING BELIEF THAT PRESS HANDLING OF CASE DOES NOT SERVE INTERESTS OF EITHER US OR ROC.

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